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**REPORT
OF THE MEETING OF THE
BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS
IN SEISMIC RISK**

BSEC Headquarters, 5 November 2019

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk was held in Istanbul at the BSEC Headquarters on 5 November 2019.

2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Dmitry GERASIMOV, Specialist-Expert, International Cooperation Department, EMERCOM of Russia.

3. The Meeting was attended by the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Georgia
Hellenic Republic
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine

4. The representative of the Parliamentary Assembly of BSEC attended the Meeting as the BSEC Related Body.

The List of Participants is attached as **Annex 1**.

5. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex 2**.

**AGENDA ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT
STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS FOR EMERGENCIES AND
HEADS OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

6. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS in the context of this item.

AGENDA ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP”

7. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS in the context of this item.

AGENDA ITEM 4: EVALUATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JANUARY 2017 - 31 DECEMBER 2018, SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTRY-COORDINATOR, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

8. The Ad Hoc Working Group considered and approved the Evaluation Plan for the period of 1 January 2017 - 31 December 2018 presented by the Russian Federation. The Evaluation Report is attached to the Report as **Annex 3**.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PRESENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JANUARY 2019 - 31 DECEMBER 2020, SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTRY-COORDINATOR, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

9. The Ad Hoc Working Group considered and adopted the Plan of Action for the period of 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2020 presented by the delegation of the Russian Federation. The Plan of Action is attached as **Annex 4**.

AGENDA ITEM 6: CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT PROTOCOL FOR “REAL TIME SEISMOLOGICAL DATA EXCHANGE” AMONG BSEC MEMBER STATES

10. The participants exchanged views on the draft Protocol for “*Real Time Seismological Data Exchange*” among BSEC Member States, prepared by the Republic of Turkey, and proposed to finalize the position of the Member States on the matter by 30 December 2019. The draft Protocol is attached as **Annex 5**.

AGENDA ITEM 7: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF SEISMIC RISK COOPERATION AND ON ESTABLISHING A POSSIBLE REGIONAL COMMUNICATION PLATFORM FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

11. The delegation of the Hellenic Republic made a presentation on “*Basic Elements regarding Seismicity and Seismic Hazard*”.

12. The delegation of Romania made a presentation on “*Near Real Time Impact Assessment of Strong Earthquakes in Romania*”. The presentation is attached as **Annex 6**.

13. The delegation of the Republic of Armenia presented information on the Sub-regional Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Yerevan on 27 June 2018.

14. The delegations stressed the importance of strengthening the action-oriented activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey mentioned that the day of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk is symbolic since it coincides with the *World Tsunami Awareness Day*.

AGENDA ITEM 9: DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

16. The date and venue of the next Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk will be communicated to the BSEC Member States through BSEC PERMIS in due course.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

17. The Working Group adopted the Report of the Meeting for its submission to the next Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance.